

MINUTES

MARSHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

87th meeting

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, December 4, 2013 - 7:00 PM

Present: Michael Zahner, Anne Reed, Steve Fiske, Allen Banbury, Tony Mayhew, Sara Norton

ITEMS

The Commission reviewed and approve November Meeting Minutes. There was no discussion of the Treasurer's Report which did not change from the prior month.

The Commission unanimously voted to authorize Allen Banbury to sign up for the state-wide Association of Conservation Commissions and to purchase hand tools and other items necessary to carry out the field work of the Commission. These expenditures will come from the 2013 Operating Fund. Bills will be submitted directly to the Town Clerk for payment.

There was discussion regarding future activities of the Commission including the incorporation of the maps into the Stranahan Forest Management Plan and the possible development of a Stormwater Manual to guide road maintenance, bridge reconstruction and placement of culverts on town roads. House bill H.586 will require municipalities to develop Best Management Practices (BMP's) to address these issues in an effort to comply with a federal mandate to manage stormwater within the drainage basis of Lake Champlain. Ann Smith of the Friends of the Winooski Watershed has recently received some grant money to work with area towns. The Commission should coordinate with the efforts of that organization.

There was further discussion of the need to identify wetlands in the town, forest fragmentation and the need to protect wildlife habitat corridors.

Submitted by: Michael Zahner

Submitted on: March 5, 2014

Approved on: